

The Trespass Offering – Importance of Forgiveness

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Part 1:

1. Are there are trespasses that can cut you off from GOD totally—even if you are reborn, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit?

- a. **1 Peter 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
 - i. Three very important things.
 1. We are the temple— "spiritual house" of GOD,
 2. we are a "holy" priesthood, and
 3. we need to offer "spiritual" sacrifices.
- b. In the Tabernacle of Moses, everything focused on or was surrounded by sacrifices.
- c. There was no need for a Priest in the Tabernacle unless there were sacrifices.
- d. The same rules apply today, and, as we will see, 1 Peter 2:5 makes it clear that these sacrifices must be "acceptable to GOD":
 - i. GOD can only honour that which He ordered
 - ii. what He ordered is captured in the Word.
 - iii. In fact, the sacrifices which GOD ordered are mentioned in the Torah,
 - iv. specifically, in the Book of Leviticus.
 - v. We will look at these sacrifices through the eyes of the Biblical Hebrew and see how they apply to our lives today.

2. We are called to be cleansed – to be holy:

- a. **James 4:8b** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- b. **1 Cor 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
 - i. In other words, we need to do some serious house cleaning,
 - ii. because GOD is busy preparing a generation that is willing to say to themselves,
 1. "I have some problems, and I am willing to do something about it."
- c. Paul says in **2 Cor 6:16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

3. False Grace Message

- a. Somehow, some beloved Christians came up with the idea that because they are under the "dispensation of grace", it does not matter what they say or do.
- b. Some of us today are as wells that have been choked with rocks, sticks and weeds and no Living Water can flow through it.

- i. **John 7:38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”
- ii. GOD wants "rivers (plural) of Living Water (GOD’s Spirit)" to flow through us:

4. The parable of the seed and the weed

- a. **Mark 4: 19-20** and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”
 - i. Four seeds were sown, of which two die and two live—but verse says:
 - ii. things that "choke the word" till it becomes "unfruitful".
- b. **John 15:2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- c. This bringing forth of more fruit is not talking of earning salvation through works—no, not at all. It is talking of the time when you have entered His realm of the Priesthood (when you became reborn), then it is time to get busy!
- d. What does God require? We saw before in 1 Pet 2:5 (spiritual sacrifices)
 - i. **Prov 14:12** There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death

5. As a believer we should find out what spiritual sacrifices are.

- a. The Offerings of the Old Covenant Five major sacrifices were offered in the Old Covenant:
 - i. Burnt offering – voluntary offering,
 - ii. Meal or Meat offering – voluntary offering,
 - iii. Peace offering – voluntary offering,
 - iv. Sin offering – compulsory offering,
 - v. Trespass offering – compulsory offering.
- b. The first three were voluntary offerings the last two offerings were mandatory.
 - i. If you did the first three offerings and you did not take care of the Sin and Trespass offering, then it was not acceptable to God
- c. **Lev 7:7** The trespass offering is like the sin offering; there is one law for them both: the priest who makes atonement with it shall have it.
- d. The Sin and Trespass offerings are almost identical, in manner, consequence, etc.
 - i. both were compulsory and would cut you off from GOD if not done.
 - ii. However, there is a slight difference between the two, and Lev 4:22 gives us the difference:
 - iii. **Lev 4:22** ‘When a ruler has sinned, and done something unintentionally against any of the commandments of the Lord his God in anything which should not be done, and is guilty,
 1. Who is the ruler? The ruler here is the head of a household.
 2. The father of a family was responsible for taking the sin offering to the priest.
 3. Who is our Father? Father God – he supplied the sin offering (Jesus) for us.
 4. But it is then the sinner’s responsibility to lay his hands on the goat and to kill it himself, not the ruler/father:

- a. **Lev. 4:24** And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it at the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord. It is a sin offering.
 - b. We are the sinners. It is our sins that killed Jesus, the sacrifice. GOD supplied the Lamb, but our sins were laid on Him and it is our sins that killed Him.
 - iv. With the Trespass offering it is different—is the Priest that must kill the offering and not the sinner:
 - 1. **Lev 5:6** and he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering. So, the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.
 - 2. Important to understand the differences between the two offerings.
- 6. **Jesus is the fulfillment of all five offerings but if the offerings are not appropriated to our lives, it means nothing.**
 - a. **Rom 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
 - b. For example: we know that Jesus is the Sin offering for all the sins of the world forever, because Jesus is there for everyone.
 - c. GOD made Him sin so that we may live, that we may be made righteous through His atonement.
 - d. However, Hell was made for the Devil and his angels—but there will be many humans there as well.
 - e. Therefore, if we do not reach out and apply the work done by Jesus at Golgotha for ourselves, we will die in iniquity.
- 7. **Jesus is the fulfillment of the Sin offerings,**
 - a. It takes something of us to say, "Jesus, I accept what you have done for me."
 - i. Once you have accepted Jesus, you do not accept Him again.
 - ii. Once you are born again you do not get born again.
 - iii. If you sin and backslide, you repent, and He says He is faithful and just to forgive you.
 - iv. Once you have accepted the Sin offering, you do not have to deal with the Sin offering again—
 - v. it is over and done with!
 - b. So, the 'sinner' took care of the 'sin offering';
- 8. **The Trespass is one offering that falls on the shoulders—not of the sinner, but of the Priest.**
 - a. **1 Pet 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
 - i. We are the Priests in the New Covenant:
 - b. You will find that the Trespass offering can cut you off from GOD as quick as it did in the Old Covenant.
 - i. In the Priesthood, what happens in the natural happens also in the spiritual.
 - ii. The same thing that happens in the old happens in the new—this is Typology.
 - c. The Priesthood does not only have to be inherited; it must be learned.
 - i. As the Priesthood was birthed by blood,

- ii. so too were we born into the Priesthood by the Blood of the Lamb—
 - iii. but we also must learn about the offerings
 - d. The offerings were natural sacrifices in the Old Covenant and
 - e. are spiritual sacrifices in the New Covenant
 - i. and these spiritual sacrifices must be acceptable to GOD.
- 9. **All the Offerings' have a fulfillment in the New Covenant:**
 - a. Leviticus 1: Burnt offering
 - i. **Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
 - ii. Fulfilled by Jesus
 - 1. **Eph 5:2** And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
 - b. Leviticus 2: Meal / Meat offering
 - i. **Heb 13:16** But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
 - ii. Fulfilled by Jesus
 - 1. **John 12:24** Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain
 - 2. **John 6:51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”
 - c. Leviticus 3: Peace offering
 - i. **Heb 13:15** Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
 - ii. Fulfilled by Jesus
 - 1. **Rom 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 - 2. **Col 1:20** and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.
 - d. Leviticus 4: Sin offering
 - i. any Scriptures on Jesus's shed blood: atonement, or salvation.
 - ii. Fulfilled by Jesus
 - 1. **2 Cor 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
 - 2. **Rom 8:23** Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.
 - 3. **Heb 13:11-12** For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
 - e. Leviticus 5 and 6: Trespass offering

- i. **1 John 1:7-9** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ii. walk in Jesus: holiness, sanctification.
- iii. Fulfilled by Jesus
 - 1. **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - 2. **Col 2:13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
 - 3. **2 Cor 5:19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

10. Trespass offering is important to GOD

- a. We need to look at the spiritual Trespass-offering that must also be 'acceptable' to GOD.
 - i. **Lev 7:1** 'Likewise this is the law of the trespass offering (it is most holy):
 - ii. It is not only referred to as holy but as "most holy", and
 - iii. it takes two chapters to understand the significance of what the Trespass offering is all about.
 - iv. GOD holds it in significance over all the other Offerings.
- b. Although Jesus fulfilled these Offerings,
 - i. there are still areas of these Offerings that we need to apply to our lives; and
 - ii. if we do not apply them, we are in trouble.
- c. If you think it is not important to do the Offerings according to GOD's will,
 - i. Look at the first murder in the Bible (Abel) was because of an Offering.

11. New Covenant counterparts:

- a. **Matt 6:9-13** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
 - i. Notice verse 14 (For if you)
 - 1. "The word "for" is to draw the attention to something which Jesus has already spoken.
 - 2. Jesus is reinforcing something
 - ii. **Matt 6:14** "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
 - 1. Notice that everything is conditional through the little word "if".
 - iii. Jesus, in verse 14, is only reiterating what He has already said in verse 12.
 - 1. In fact, Jesus knew the consequences of the Trespass offering—
 - 2. remember Jesus, at that time, was still under the full law!
 - a. He was not pardoned from the Torah until He Himself took on the Law (Sacrificial Laws) and was nailed to the stake.

- b. Jesus had to fulfill all the Sacrificial Laws.
- b. **Amplified v 12, 14-15** 'And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors [letting go of both the wrong and the resentment] ... For if you forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others [nurturing your hurt and anger with the result that it interferes with your relationship with God], then your Father will not forgive your trespasses.
 - i. We serve a conditional God
- c. **James 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
 - i. Your mind (soul: will, emotions and intellect) is Satan's battlefield.
 - ii. He loves to play "mind-games" with us.

Part 2:

- d. Start off with a little bit of resentment that grows to:
 - i. offense,
 - ii. dislike,
 - iii. bitterness,
 - iv. deep-seated dislike,
 - v. anger,
 - vi. hatred
 - vii. and spiritual murder.
- e. We are called to conquer our thoughts before they become a habit and eventually a lifestyle.
- f. You clearly know your salvation hinges around the fact that GOD forgives you your sin
- g. Not recognizing the Trespass offering is one of the major snares of the Devil!
- h. In 2 Cor 2 an incident occurred with a man,
 - i. whoever he was, as we do not know a lot about him.
 - ii. Rabbi Paul only mentioned him as from the Congregation of Corinth.
 - iii. The man had evidently done something wrong, and
 - iv. the Believers of Corinth could not forgive this man.
 - v. So, Paul began to admonish those at Corinth about this in verse
 - 1. **2 Cor 2 :7-8** so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. Therefore, I urge you to reaffirm your love to him
 - vi. Do you realize in every Congregation across the world?
 - 1. there are people that cannot attend the meetings because of something that someone did.
 - 2. There are people who desire to be in a specific meeting, but because someone has refused to forgive him or her, that person does not attend.
 - 3. The result is that the person stays at home and does not participate in the fellowship of the Believers.
 - vii. Scripture instructs us we are to
 - 1. forgive him,
 - 2. comfort him and

3. confirm your love to him!

12. Forgiveness is not an option

- a. The Trespass offering is not an option—it is mandatory!
- b. Unforgiveness is a device from the enemy!
- c. As a human being you are going to get hurt,
- d. and by fellowshipping in a Congregation even more so.

13. Analogy of the five stones which David picked to kill Goliath

- a. The five stones which David picked were not originally smooth stones,
- b. they were once rough-edged stones lying on the river's bank.
- c. These stones had to get into the "stream of water" to be forced forward in the water to become smooth stones.
- d. This process of being bumped, crushed, and grinded by other stones is not easy at all;
- e. in fact, the process is very harsh.
- f. We need to get into the "river of Living Water" so that GOD's process can mold, shape, and perfect us
- g. God cannot use you to kill the giants in your life if you still have rough edges and holes in you.
- h. You need to be painfully smoothed by GOD to become a ferocious giant killer
- i. to destroy Satan's works!

14. Carrying Offense:

- a. there are some of you who have carried this trespass on your shoulders for far too long—
- b. the trespass of unforgiveness.
- c. You have scars in your spirit man.
- d. At times, maybe you've wanted to shout out,
 - i. "Lord, teach me how to deal with it!"
- e. Well, the answer is to pray for that person and release him from the bondage of your unforgiveness.
- f. The Scriptures clearly say, whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth is loosed in heaven.

15. Matthew chapter 16.

- a. Take note that the major stop of the flow of the anointing in a Believer's life hinges around the span of the trespass.
- b. In Matthew 16, Jesus has asked some of His disciples who did the people in town say He was.
 - i. They replied, "Some say you are John the Baptist; some say you were Jeremias,"
 - ii. but Peter came up with the great revelation:
 - 1. **Matt 16:16-18** Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
 - 2. The 'church' is not built on Peter, but on the revelation that Peter gave—and that is: "thou art the Messiah, the Son of the Living God."
- c. **Verse 19** And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- i. This binding and loosing is the "key to heaven"
- ii. This means:
 - 1. if you have something against somebody
 - 2. or there is un-forgiveness in your heart,
 - 3. it is as surely as if you take the keys and physically put it into a literal lock,
 - 4. and you block out the blessings from heaven.
- iii. Unforgiveness is the key to the kingdom of heaven—"the binding and loosing".
- d. **Lev 17:1-4** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'This is the thing which the Lord has commanded, saying: "Whatever man of the house of Israel who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting to offer an offering to the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord, the guilt of bloodshed shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people,
 - i. If you were cut off from the nation of Israel, you were cut off from GOD.
 - ii. If you were cut off from the Tabernacle or the Temple, you were cut off from GOD.
 - iii. If you were cut off from the Tabernacle or the Temple, you were cut off from the means to receive forgiveness of sins and you were then cut off from GOD.

16. Why did you have to bring the Trespass offering to GOD?

- a. **Lev 6:2** If a person sins and commits a trespass against the Lord by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor,
 - i. First, if you sin, it is a Trespass against GOD.
 - ii. But GOD says I give you a plan; I give you a pattern, so that you can take care of this Offering!
 - iii. You cannot just do your own thing—there is a pattern to follow
 - iv. In the Old Testament.
 - 1. if you stayed on the outside of the camp and you had to take a Trespass offering to GOD:
 - 2. you had to travel many, many kilometers through the people to the Tabernacle
 - 3. with your bellowing goat—a very humbling experience, indeed, as you journeyed to the Tabernacle:
 - v. **Lev 17:8-9** "Also you shall say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to the Lord, that man shall be cut off from among his people.
 - vi. Sometimes in the Believer's walk
 - 1. you must do something that you might feel is very humbling,
 - 2. you must take care of your Trespass offering in the presence of other people—
 - 3. but as soon as you do it, you will begin to see the flowing of the anointing in your life.

17. Counterpart of the Trespass offering in the New Covenant.

- a. **Matt 5:23** Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

- i. This is part of the humbling experience GOD wants us to undergo.
 - ii. You need to take your goat (your pride) and approach that person.
 - iii. There is nothing wrong in saying you have some problems.
 - iv. I am sure that if you are honest with yourself, you will acknowledge that you have encountered some level of unforgiveness in your life.
 - v. GOD wants to set you free!
- b. "Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;"
 - i. Jesus knew it does not matter what gift you bring to GOD—for forgiveness you first must take care of that Trespass offering.
 - ii. Week after week you see people bringing gifts, big checks etc., but there is no blessing from heaven.
 - iii. Perhaps you want to shout out: "where are you, Lord?"
 - iv. maybe they need to take care of the Trespass offering first.
 - v. Therefore, Jesus said do not bother to bring your gift to the altar if you have something against your brother or he has something against you.
 - vi. Jesus knew the vital consequences of the Trespass offering.
 - vii. The Scriptures elaborate on this as it says,
 - 1. "you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."
- c. Satan is a legalist!
 - i. He was given a commission in the Garden of Eden to persecute man due to man's disobedience towards GOD.
 - 1. **Gen 3:14** So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. The "dust" that Satan must eat, is you and I. GOD tells us that we are the dust of the earth:
 - 2. **Gen 2:7** And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
 - ii. Satan's commission, then, is to eat you;
 - 1. Potentially, if you do not take care of this Trespass offering,
 - a. you give him legal right to finish his commission!
 - iii. This can clearly be seen in the New Covenant as well...
 - 1. **John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.
- d. When you are cut off from GOD that is exactly what can happen.
 - i. Satan knows the Word concerning the Trespass and
 - ii. he knows every word of the Bible;
 - iii. in fact, he quotes it all the time and he might even have you confused with it.
 - iv. Satan is a legalist, he knows the perimeters of GOD's patterns, plans and commands;
- e. When we get out from under the umbrella of the patterns and plans of GOD,
 - i. Satan has full authority to steal, kill and destroy.
 - ii. Satan knows exactly how to stop the flow of that "Living Water" in your life through unforgiveness

- iii. He knows all the loopholes
- iv. when Believers do not obey the Scriptures.
- v. He knows when we are plagued with the same problem or sickness, over and repeatedly.

18. GOD cannot fully work through a vessel that is harvesting resentment and unforgiveness.

- a. It can stop the flow of the anointing.
- b. The reality of the Trespass offering is important.
 - i. It might be one of the reasons why Peter specifically says we need to offer up spiritual sacrifices.
 - 1. Peter was a Jew and he understood the seriousness about the sacrifices from a Jewish perspective.
 - ii. It is serious to hang on to pride and anger over a situation and it isn't worth it!

19. 1 Corinthians chapter 5.

- a. Another event happened (again in the Congregation of Believers of Corinth)
 - i. this time it was immorality.
 - ii. We do not know all the details of the story;
 - iii. A young man was sleeping with his father's wife.
 - iv. **1 Cor 5:5** deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- b. In study of this is talking about destruction of the flesh (the carnal nature of man)
- c. How is it possible to forgive someone who has caused absolute grief?
 - i. Release that person to God for judgment
- d. Paul is showing us that as a Church we have the power of turning someone over to Satan
 - i. for the destruction of the flesh so the person's soul can be saved.

20. Another Example

- a. **2 Tim 4:14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.
 - i. talks about Alexander who for some reason refused Paul's teaching
 - ii. His actions just about brought an end to Paul's ministry.
 - 1. The Bible says "no man stood with Paul"

21. People in this world that come into our life in one of two categories.

- a. Those who were sent to work a work of righteousness in us
- b. Those who are sent by the enemy to destroy us.
 - i. We are like stones with rough edges that need to be smoothed
 - ii. We all have some rough edges.

22. The greatest of all commandments center on Love

- a. (Love of God, Others and Self)
- b. Say with me
 - i. "Father, I want to be more loving.
 - ii. Holy Spirit, I give you permission to do a work in me and smooth my rough edges.
 - iii. I desire to love like Jesus.
 - iv. May this be so in the name of Jesus.
- c. Before long someone may come into your life and rub your rough edges.

- d. You will be tempted to cry out.
 - i. “Lord I wanted to learn about love. What is going on here?”
- e. See they are a stone that is going to smooth and perfect you.
- f. And in the process their stone is also getting smoothed.
- g. Consider:
 - i. What is the greatest problem you now have?
 - ii. What ticks you off more than anything?
 - iii. Whatever it is it concerns another person in some way, shape or form.
 - 1. See other people are used to shape and perfect you.
- h. There is no difference in a congregation of believers.
 - i. Just because we are a group of forgiven people does not mean we are perfect.
 - ii. God is continuously molding us.
 - 1. **Prov. 27:17** As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.
 - 2. Rough stones rub against our rough stone and in the process, both are made smoother.
- i. Do not run when things get tough in a congregation.
 - i. Instead let God work with you.
 - ii. Running to another congregation will only delay the process
 - iii. soon enough you will encounter the same problems.
 - iv. Remember – a tree that is uprooted frequently cannot and will not bear fruit.
 - v. It is possible in the next congregation you will encounter someone who was sent by Satan.
- j. As believers we are not immune from hurt but we have a way of release.
 - i. Some say they have forgiven another but then refuse to sit in the same pew.
 - 1. This indicates resentment is still there.
 - 2. If resentment etc. are still present
 - a. We know forgiveness is not complete.
- k. Back to Paul’s example
 - i. **2 Tim 4:14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.
 - ii. When righteous people come into our lives that God wants to use to smooth our life
 - 1. Rough edges are being worked off
 - 2. is always a painful process.
 - 3. It feels the same as if someone unrighteous did the same thing.
 - 4. We should realize in these times that God is working to bring forth works of righteousness.
- l. The Bible tells us we can crucify the flesh –
 - i. you cannot crucify yourself.
 - ii. To do so you must have someone come along to at least nail the last hand to the cross.
 - iii. At times we need someone else to come along for us to live a crucified life.
 - iv. For it to mean something to you this person must be
 - 1. someone you know.

- 2. Someone you trust, love
 - 3. Someone you have relationship with.
- m. Our response needs to be "I forgive you."
 - i. The true reality is this: If you offend me, I am the one with the problem as my heart should be "I forgive you."
 - ii. This is the response Jesus had when he was crucified by the Romans at the demand of his own countryman.
 - 1. Jesus response: Father forgive them...
- n. When God sends a person into our life to complete a work of righteousness in us
 - i. it hurts.
 - ii. Being perfected hurts,
 - iii. having heart surgery hurts
 - iv. but at times this is necessary.
- o. God uses others to sharpen you.
 - i. It is easy for us to respond to God.
 - 1. "I am following you but look at what they did to me."
 - 2. In those moments we should stay in the brook, in the stream a bit longer and allow God to complete a work in us.
- p. Bottom line, we cannot judge between:
 - i. who is working a work of righteousness?
 - ii. who is working a work of unrighteousness?

23. If we are carrying

- a. hurt and unforgiveness we need to take account of it.
- b. Anything else that may be cutting you off from God and His anointing in your life.
 - i. Ask and allow Holy Spirit to bring those areas into the light.
 - ii. Then respond:
 - 1. "Lord you reward them for their works,
 - 2. I do not see the whole plan.
 - 3. Father you reward them according to their works.
 - 4. Teach me to be more like Jesus."
- c. If the person was your enemy,
 - i. you may soon see him fall by the wayside.
 - ii. In the process you will see righteousness being worked in you.
 - iii. Allow Jesus to be the judge and not us.
 - iv. If we learn to heed these truths, we can feel released for the first time in our life.
 - v. We will be set free.
 - vi. Bible says, "the truth will set you free."

24. A look at Matthew 18.

- a. We see a parable.
 - i. A natural analogy of a spiritual truth.
 - ii. A revelation.
- b. **Matt 18:18** "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

- i. (this parable deals with unforgiveness.)
 - ii. Understand we cannot bind Satan the way we cause Satan to flee is to resist him.
 - 1. **James 4:3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.
 - iii. Even Jesus did not bind him.
 - 1. **Matt 4:10** Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"
 - iv. We can bind Satan's works and the strongman (demons) but Satan will not be bound until Jesus throws him into the bottomless pit.
 - v. This verse, in context does not refer to binding Satan's works.
 - vi. It has to do with unforgiveness
- c. Matt 18:19-34** "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
- Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.
- "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So, his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So, when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.
- i. Seven is the number of perfection.
 - ii. This means to continuously walk in forgiveness.
 - iii. Literally if you do the math this means forgive every 3 minutes.
- d.** Many believers have sleepless nights due to unforgiveness.
- e.** They have been turned over to the tormentors.
- i. Too often we are deceived and do not realize we have been turned over to the tormentors.
- f.** This could be related to the trespass offering not occurring and we have been cut off from God.
- i. **Matt 18:35** "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

- g. In confronting this in our life we question
 - i. “But Lord you know what they did to me, how can I forgive them?”
- h. The only answer is to pray and release them from the bondage of your unforgiveness.
- i. Remember scripture tells us whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatever we lose on earth is loosed in heaven.

25. Maybe Holy Spirit has exposed something that has been hidden.

- a. Can you now loose that unforgiveness in heaven right now?
- b. **1 Cor 6:7** Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?
 - i. We can see a pattern herein.
 - ii. Plainly speaking why do you not for peace sake, take the blame even if you know you are innocent?
 - 1. Jesus was innocent and took the blame for your and my sin.
- c. Because of our past ignorance of this topic the enemy has caught us into offence with God and against another.
- d. We get deceived with faulty thinking.
 - i. “I didn’t do anything wrong, so why should I ask for forgiveness?”
 - 1. Maybe you haven’t done anything wrong
 - 2. but remember the scripture we looked at earlier:
 - a. “If you come to the altar to bring your gift and your brother has something against you.”
 - b. This scripture says someone has something against you not you against him.
 - 3. In these times we can swallow our pride and do the humbling Trespass offering as God Word teaches us.

26. Is Holy Spirit showing you faces and names?

- a. What should you do?
 - i. You can contact them.
 - ii. Remember the Trespass offering has eternal consequences.
 - iii. Maybe the reply from the other person will be negative and refuse to forgive you.
 - 1. You can release them to God and walk in the freedom you gain by releasing this.
 - 2. You can tell them
 - a. “It is all right; I came to you to be obedient to God. I will pray for you.
 - 3. Then walk away with the attitude
 - a. “I am now walking under an open heaven.”
 - iv. Some may refuse to even allow you to talk to them.
 - 1. Do not worry you are still being set free.
 - 2. Just do not allow their action to bring a new offense in your heart.
 - v. God may show you it is yourself you need to forgive.
 - 1. Remember if you don’t you are trespassing against God and His Word.

b. Here is a prayer for you:

i. Father I thank you for the power of your Word.

I thank you God for the truth that you can reward those who hurt us for their works.

Father I thank you for making provision for us to be set free, through Jesus who was our sin offering.

We have been brought out of Egypt (bondage of sin) by that sin offering.

I thank you Father that you have also made provision for us as Priests to deal with the trespass offering.

For Lord, your Word says just as it happened in the Old it happens in the New, and your desire for us is to be rivers of Living Water.

Let you Holy Spirit flow in me just as it was flowing in the life of Peter, when his mere shadow was cast upon those who were brought to him, those who were sick and had to be healed by the anointing of the Spirit within Peter.

Father your Word does not change. You are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Lord you are raising up a generation of Davidic warriors.

For everyone who hears this teaching and who is praying this prayer you are perfecting into giant killers.

Lord in the process of growing, in this process of maturing in you, we sometimes do not understand what's being done within our lives and then we build up resentment.

Remembering your Word where it says.... Let him go, I forgive those who have hurt me.

Holy Spirit, you are working even now within me

For God you have called me into the kingdom for such an hour as this to be a giant killer and not to drip in your Kingdom.

Father it doesn't matter what I think as to who is right or what is right, or I haven't done anything wrong.

God I will just suffer wrong and humble myself for your sake, and perform this trespass offering.

Please take care of it, for you Word says that I do not have to take a goat to the Tabernacle or Temple, all I need to do is to confess.

You are faithful and just to forgive me my sin and cleanse me from all my unrighteousness.

I thank you God in the Name of your son, Jesus. Amen."